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♦ **"Ike" Election**

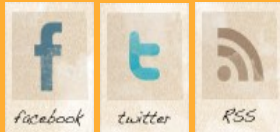
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memorabilia from the
1952 and 1956
presidential campaigns
of Dwight Eisenhower.

♦ **Eisenhower Classic**

featuring materials
related to the Eisenhower
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Ten Years Ago (May 2003)

UT Tyler Receives Coordinating Board Grant

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Teacher Quality Grant awarded UT Tyler a \$79000 grant to promote the incorporation of technology in the geometry classroom. The five-week summer institute, titled "New Dimensions: Transforming Geometry through Technology," was designed for high school teachers in the Region 7 area. The program was coordinated by Dr. Nathan Smith and Dr. Lesa Beverly, assistant professors of math.

UT Tyler Task Force to Address the Needs of Freshmen

UT Tyler established the 25-member Freshman Year Experience task force to "study the needs of freshmen and explore ways to help them to be successful academically and socially". Dr. Robert Sterken served as chair of the task force, which paid special attention to student retention.

UT Board of Regents Approve \$11.9 Million for UT Tyler Facility

UT Tyler received approval for \$11.9 million to support Phase II construction of the UT Tyler Engineering, Sciences and Technology building (now the Bill Ratliff Engineering and Sciences Complex). The Board of Regents previously approved \$22.9 million for Phase I of the project, with initial construction scheduled to begin in Fall 2003. The facility was designed to provide laboratories, classroom space, offices, and administrative facilities for the engineering departments, computer science, chemistry, biology, and physics among others.



Participants from the 2nd annual Patriot Tennis Classic, including Mercedes Fernandez of Dallas, Kevin Cook of UT Tyler, and Stephanie Mabry, of Houston.
{Intercom}

Twenty Years Ago (May 1993)

Scholarship Run Sponsored on Campus

In conjunction with the Eisenhower Golf Classic, the UT Tyler Alumni association and UT Health Science Center at Tyler sponsored the Eisenhower International Run on Saturday, May 1. Events included a one mile fun run and a 5k, with trophies awarded in the 5k for the top male and female finishers as well as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age group.

UT Tyler Receives National Seat Belt Award

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation recognized UT Tyler for achieving seat belt usage of 86% among staff, faculty, and students. Charles Penney, Project Saf-D director, presented the "70%+" award to Dr. Robert L. Jones, VPAA. Members of the UT Tyler accounting society and American society for safety engineers conducted the seat belt survey across campus. UT Tyler was the second university in the state to receive this award. The university's name was engraved on a master honor roll plaque on display in Washington, D.C.

International Banking Expert Speaks at UT Tyler commencement

Rudolf Wachsman, international banking and media expert, gave the UT Tyler commencement address on Friday, May 7. A Mexican citizen born in Hungary, Wachsman served as vice chairman of Televisa in Mexico City and chairman of the board of trustees at the University of Americas. Mr. Wachsman was a graduate of Princeton University with a masters degree from the University of Virginia.

40 Years Ago (1973)

The Tyler State College administration secured a pair of apartments adjacent to the Berta Street campus to serve as faculty offices. Prior to this acquisition, faculty members worked out of "[the bull pen](#)" on the top floor of the Berta Street building.

Thirty Years Ago (May 1983)

Tyler Delegation Travels to Metz, France

After hosting an exploratory delegation from Metz, France in early 1983, a 58 person delegation of Tyler citizens attended the Franco-American celebration in Metz from May 3 to 11. The delegation joined representatives of Metz for the initial Sister Cities twinning ceremony on May 3, 1983 (with the second twinning taking place in Tyler in April 1984). UT Tyler announced an official exchange program between UT Tyler and the University of Metz beginning June, 1983 for high school, junior high, and university students. Tyler Sister Cities, a partnership between UT Tyler and the City of Tyler, is a chapter of Sister Cities International which aims to promote cross-cultural exchanges in business, industry, education, and culture.

National Geographic Presents Hawaii Program

The special slide presentation was hosted by Tyler native and award winning photographer Bill Allen on Tuesday, May 3 in Adm 127. Mr. Allen, assistant director of the Special Publications and Education Media division of the National Geographic Society, later served as Editor-in-Chief at National Geographic from 1995-2005. The Hawaii presentation featured over two hundred slides from the National Geographic collection. The event was free and open to the public.

Women Educators' Society meets at Tyler

Members of the five Tyler chapters of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met Saturday, May 7 in the UT Tyler Student Center for an initiation ceremony and Founder's Day Luncheon. Attendees honored the founders of the first Tyler chapter in the 1920s. Representatives of the state organization were also in attendance. Delta Kappa Gamma is an honorary society for women educators of outstanding achievement. Tyler chapters in 1983 included Alpha Eta, Zeta Gamma, Theta Nu, Iota Delta, and Kappa Pi.

J.S. Hudnall Named Patriot of the Year

UT Tyler President Dr. George F. Hamm named J.S. Hudnall "Patriot of the Year" at a reception for the university's major benefactors at Willowbrook Country Club in Tyler. Hudnall received the award for his outstanding contributions to UT Tyler. Isadore Roosth was also recognized for his outstanding service to the university in 1983.



Dr. George Hamm presents the 1983 "Patriot of the Year" award to Tyler philanthropist J.S. Hudnall at an honorary banquet. The first awardee was Mrs. Maurine Muntz in 1982. {Forum}

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